

# MEROPS CÆRULOCEPHALUS.



## CHARACTER GENERICUS.

*Rostrum* compressum, curvatum, carinatum.

*Lingua* apice laciniata.

*Pedes* gressorii.

*Lin. Syst. Nat.* p. 182.

## CHARACTER SPECIFICUS, &c.

MEROPS RUBER, capite gula uropygioque  
cæruleo-viridibus.

MEROPS NUBICUS. M. ex cæruleo viridis  
subtus ruber, dorso, alis, candaque furcata  
lateritiis.

*Lin. Syst. Nat. Gmel.* p. 464.

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Africæ partes interiores incolit Merops Cæruleocephalus: magnitudo avis eadem fere est atque Meropis communis sive Europææ. Variat cauda sub-integra vel forcipata.







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THE  
BLUE-HEADED BEE-EATER.



GENERIC CHARACTER.

*Bill* compressed, curvated, and carinated.

*Tongue* generally laciniated at the tip.

*Feet* formed for walking.

SPECIFIC CHARACTER, &c.

RED BEE-EATER, with the head, throat, and  
rump blue-green.

BLUE-HEADED BEE-EATER.

*Lath. Syn.* 1. p. 680.

Le Gnépier rouge à tete bleue.

*Buf. ois.* 6. p. 506.

Gnépier de Nubie.

*Pl. Enl.* 649.

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This bird is a native of the interior parts of Africa, and is nearly similar in size to the common or European Bee-Eater. It varies in having the tail either even or slightly forked.